







YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BRING US TO YOUR CAMPSITE...

HAHA~ IT'S NOTHING.

OUR FREE COMPANY WAS MADE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE, ANYWAY.

MUNCH

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THIS IS OUR JOB.

EH? AREN'T THE PEOPLE PROTECTED BY OUR COUNTRY'S SOLDIERS?

HAHAHA, KIDS CAN BE SO INNOCENT.

WHEN AYKA WAS IN THE NORTH...

HEY! SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

THE NORTH?

DO YOU SEE THOSE BARDS?

THEY'VE BEEN STAYING HERE SINCE LAST NIGHT.

THE CRAFTSMEN OVER THERE JOINED US THIS MORNING.

THEY'LL BE LEAVING ONCE THEIR CART'S FIXED.

EVERYONE'S PASSING BY FOR THEIR OWN REASONS...

BUT THEY CAN'T ALL HAVE SOLDIERS GUARDING THEM...

EVEN IF THE DEMONS ARE RUNNING WILD.

IS THAT REALLY WHY?

...

ARGH!

ACK!

THWACK

I TOLD YOU TO STOP TALKING!!

OWW...

WHISPER

MISS MAINA...

THESE PEOPLE LOOK RELIABLE, DON'T THEY?

WHY DON'T WE ASK A FEW OF THEM TO VOLUNTEER TO JOIN OUR MISSION?





UM...  
IT LOOKED LIKE  
YOU WERE USING  
MAGIC TO DEFEAT  
THAT DEMON...

AH, THAT?  
NAH...

IT WAS  
THIS  
DAGGER'S  
POWER.

AH! I SEE!

IS THAT A  
SHELCON  
ATTACHED TO  
THE BLADE?

HM?  
HOW DO  
YOU...

KNOW ABOUT  
ALCHEMY?

O-OH...

I JUST KNOW  
THAT IT STORES  
MANA...

YOU KNOW  
QUITE A LOT.

THIS IS  
A TOOL THAT  
USES THE MANA  
STORED IN  
THE SHELCON  
TO CREATE  
A MAGIC BLADE.

BUT SINCE  
THERE ISN'T  
ENOUGH MANA  
FOR EVEN  
WIZARDS TO  
WORK WITH...

RECHARGING  
THESE CAN TAKE  
THE BETTER PART  
OF A DAY...

REALLY?

WE USE IT  
BECAUSE IT'S  
CONVENIENT.

AYKA CAN  
KILL DEMONS  
WITH A NORMAL  
SWORD TOO,  
YOU KNOW?

DAMN  
RIGHT~

THAT'S WHAT  
YOU SHOULD  
BE TALKING  
ABOUT, NOT  
THAT USELESS  
GARBAGE!

KYAHAA

THUMP  
THUMP

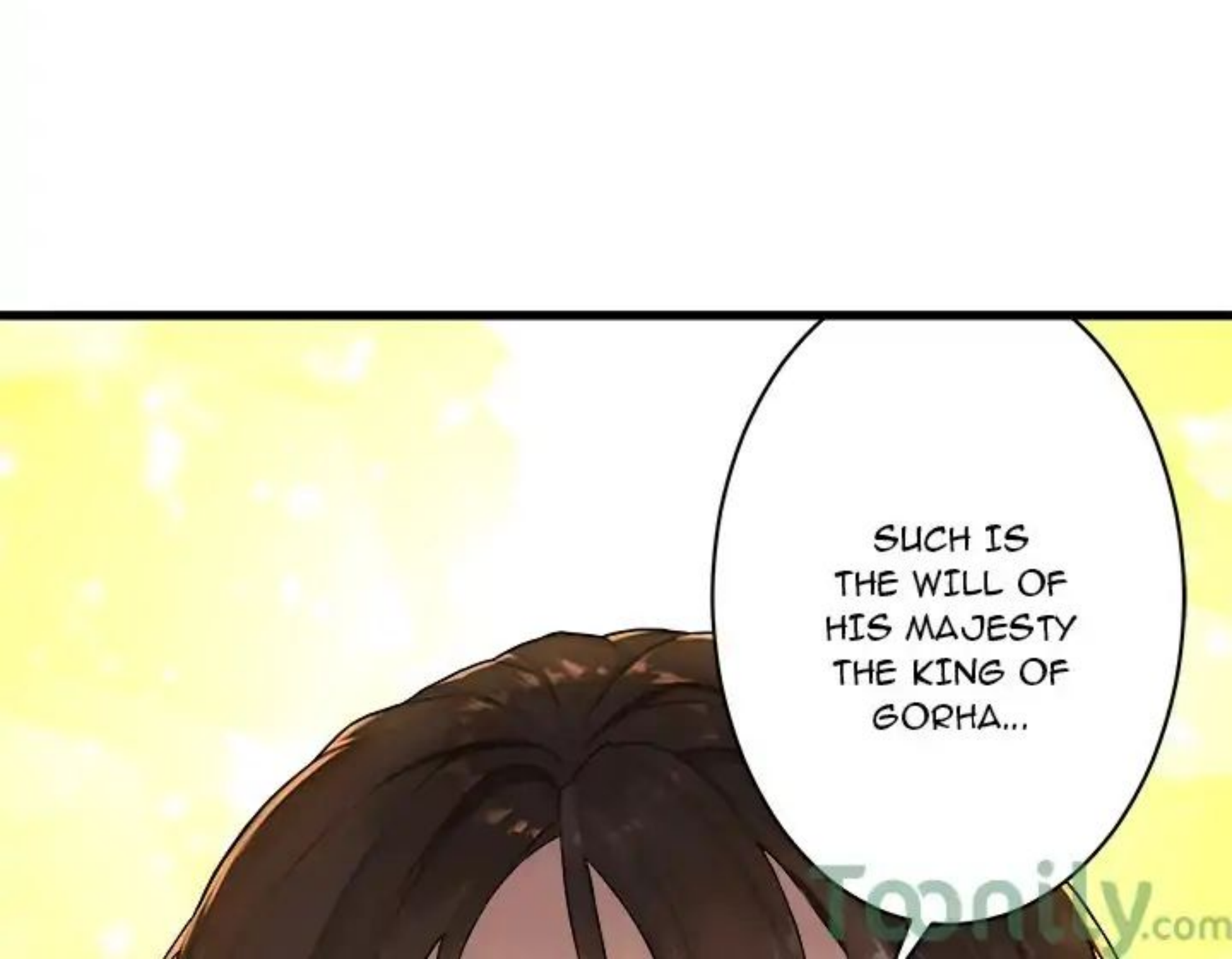
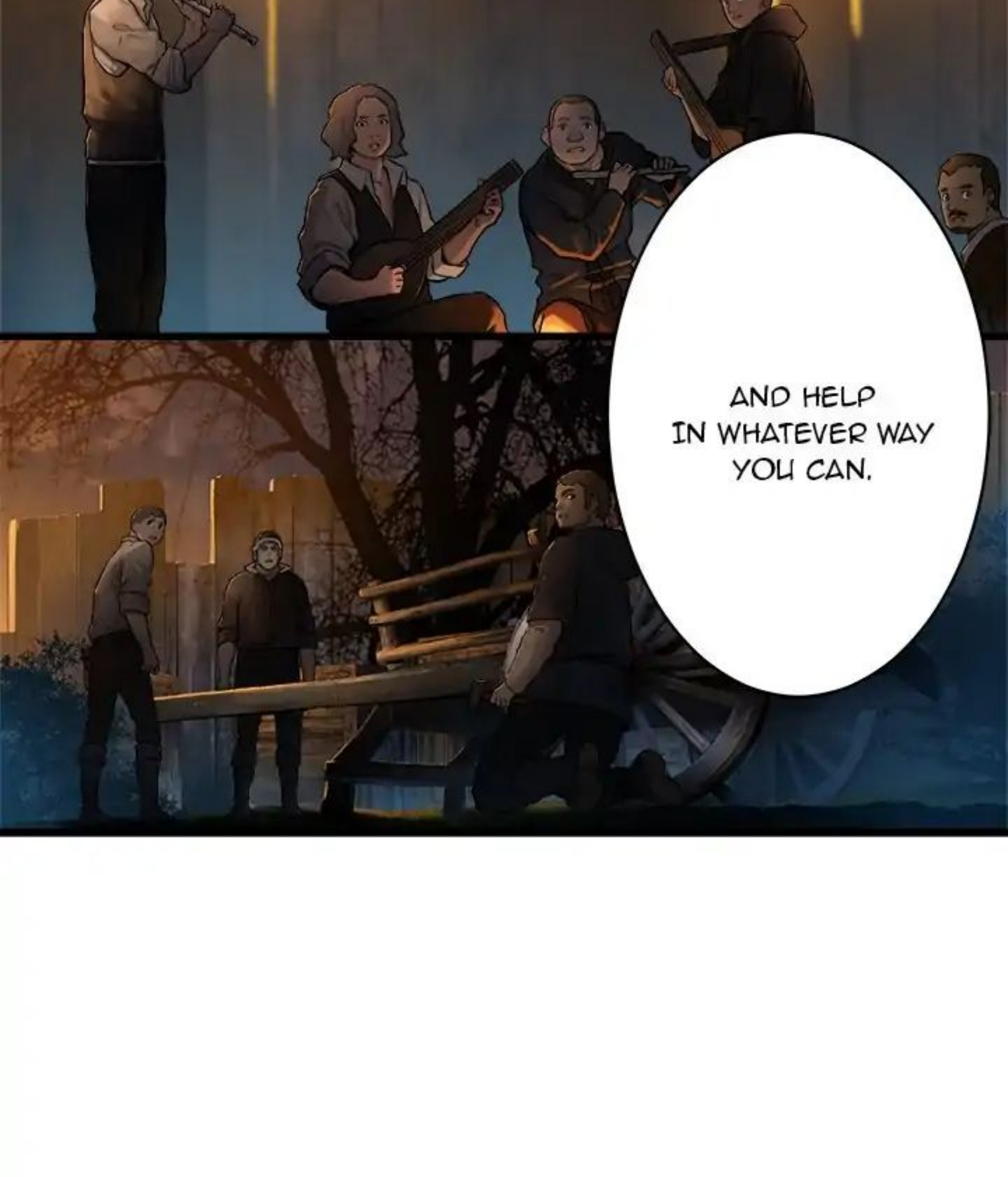
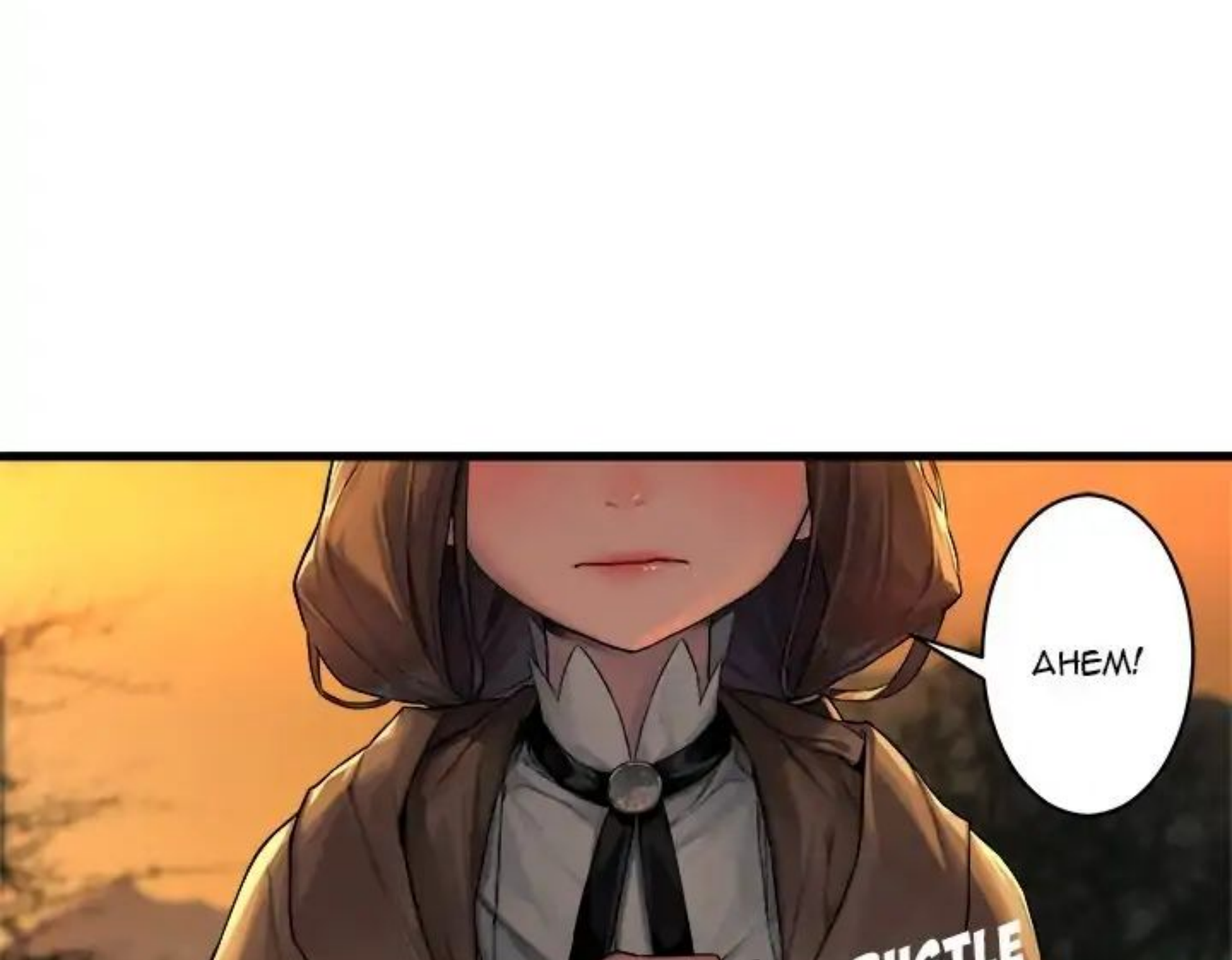
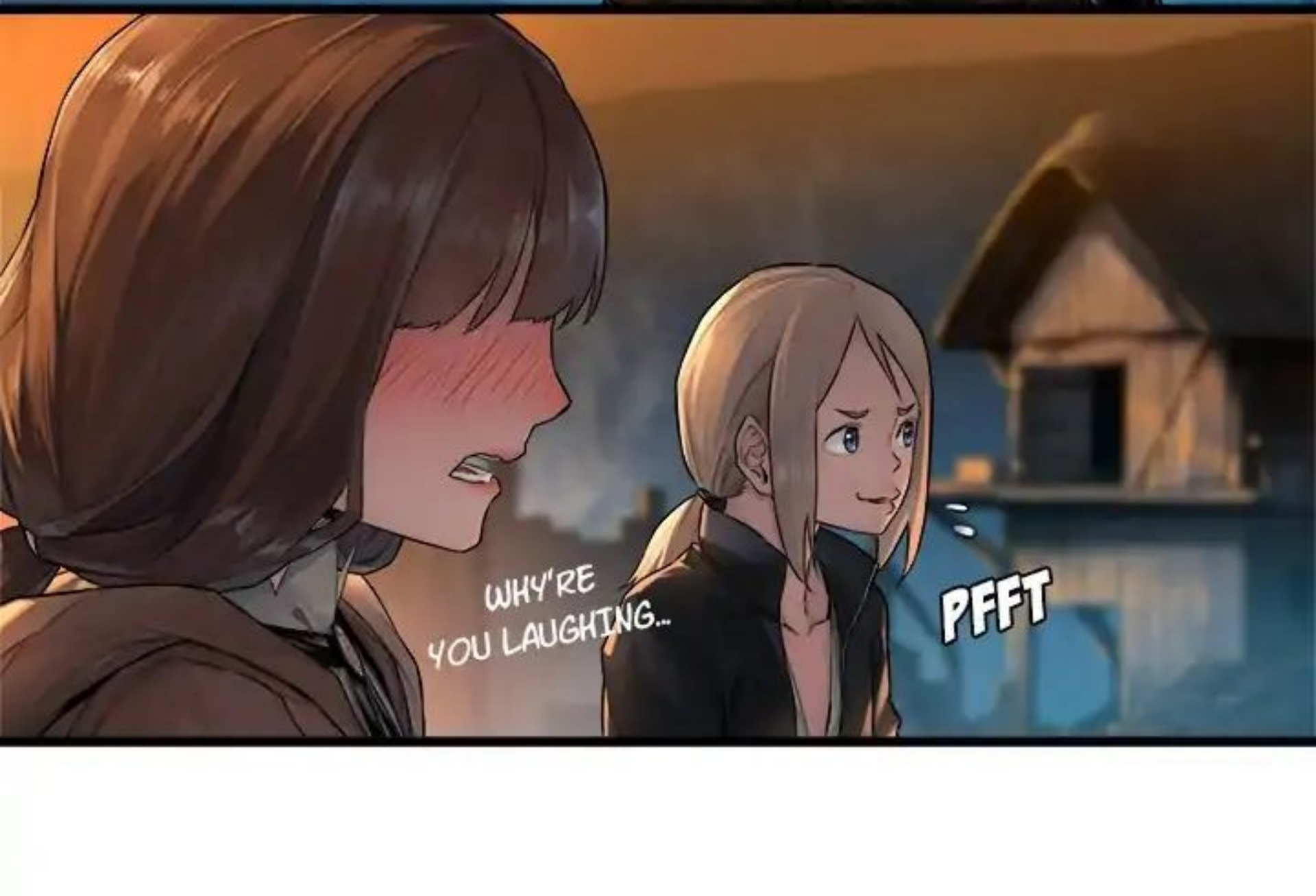
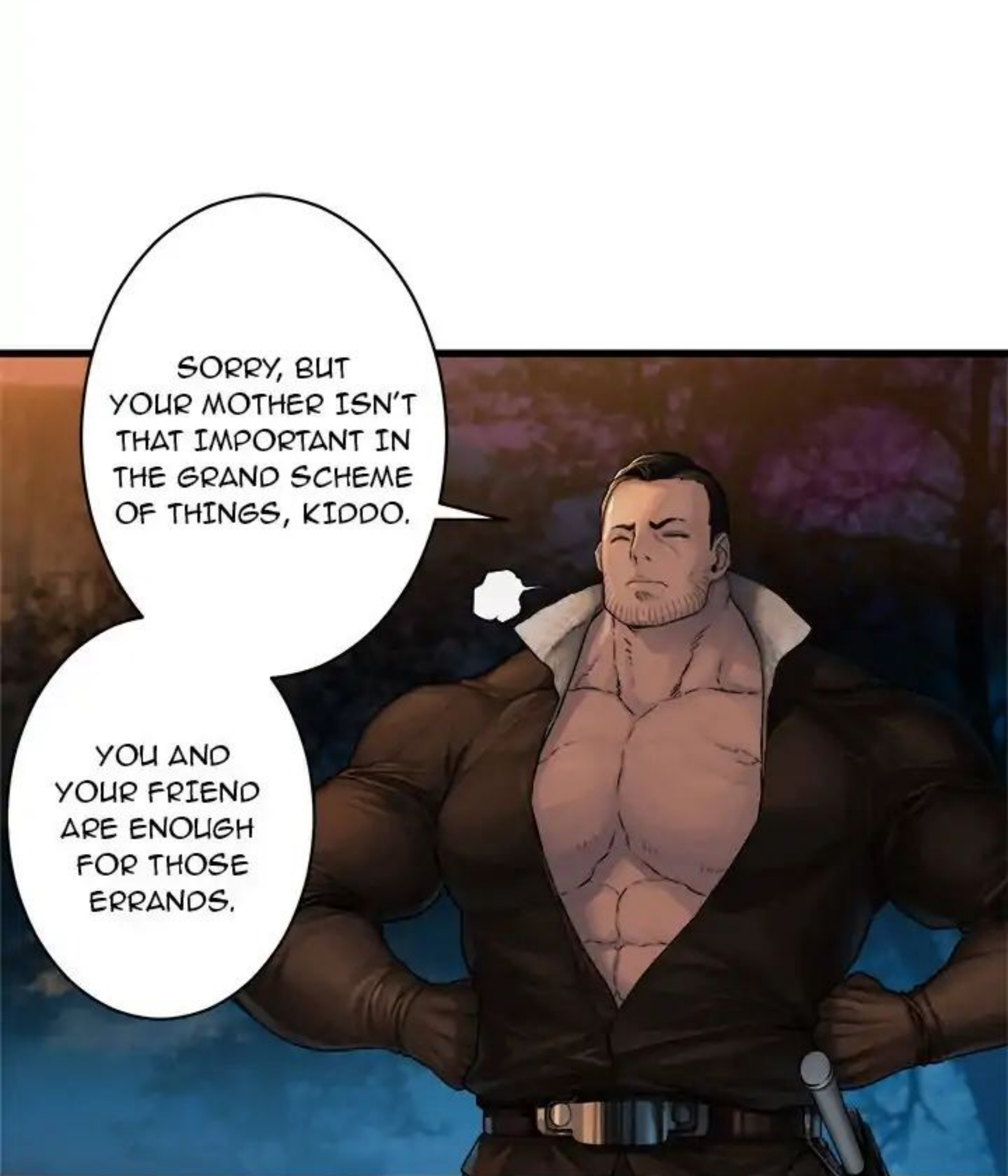
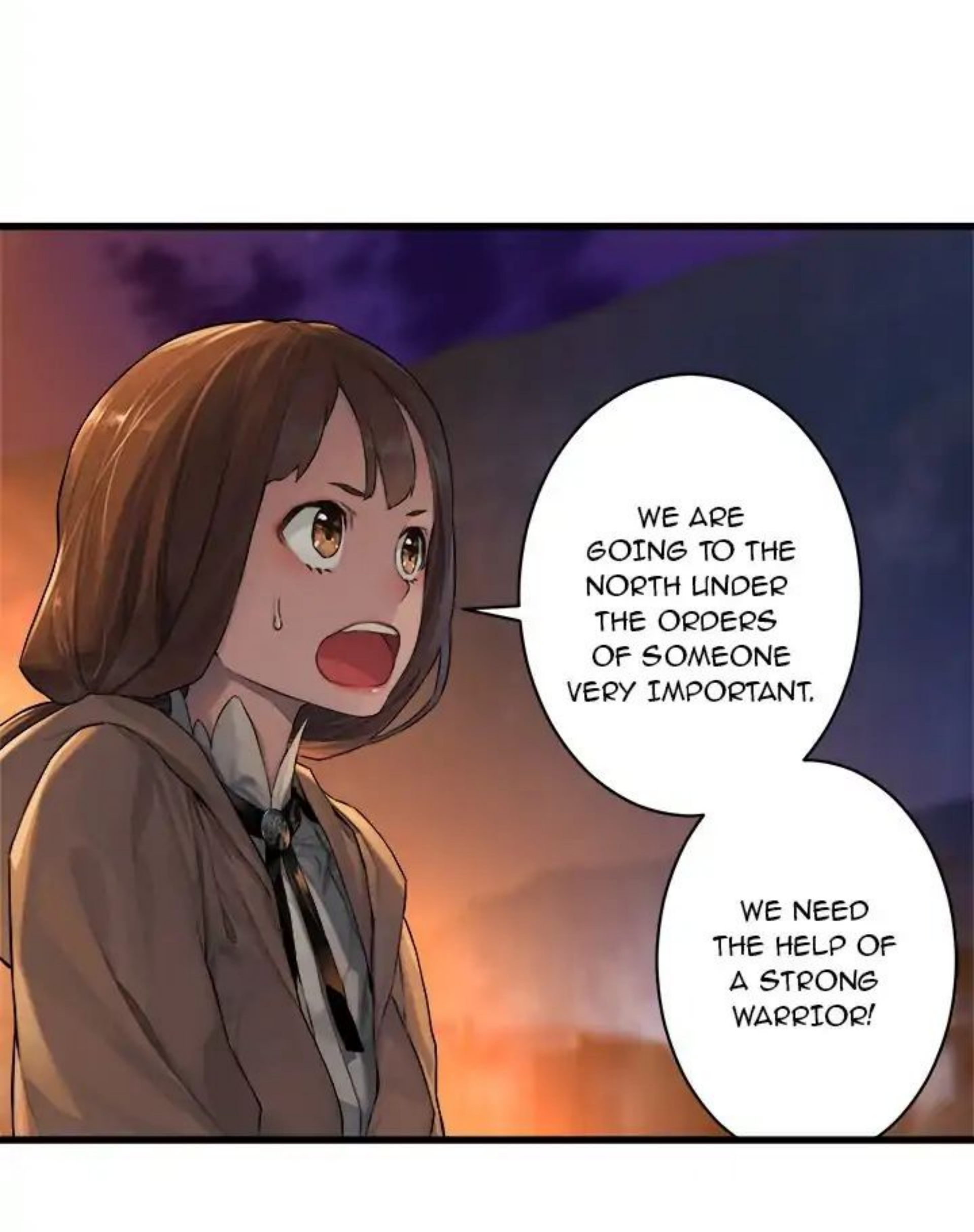
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I HAVE  
A REQUEST  
FOR YOU...

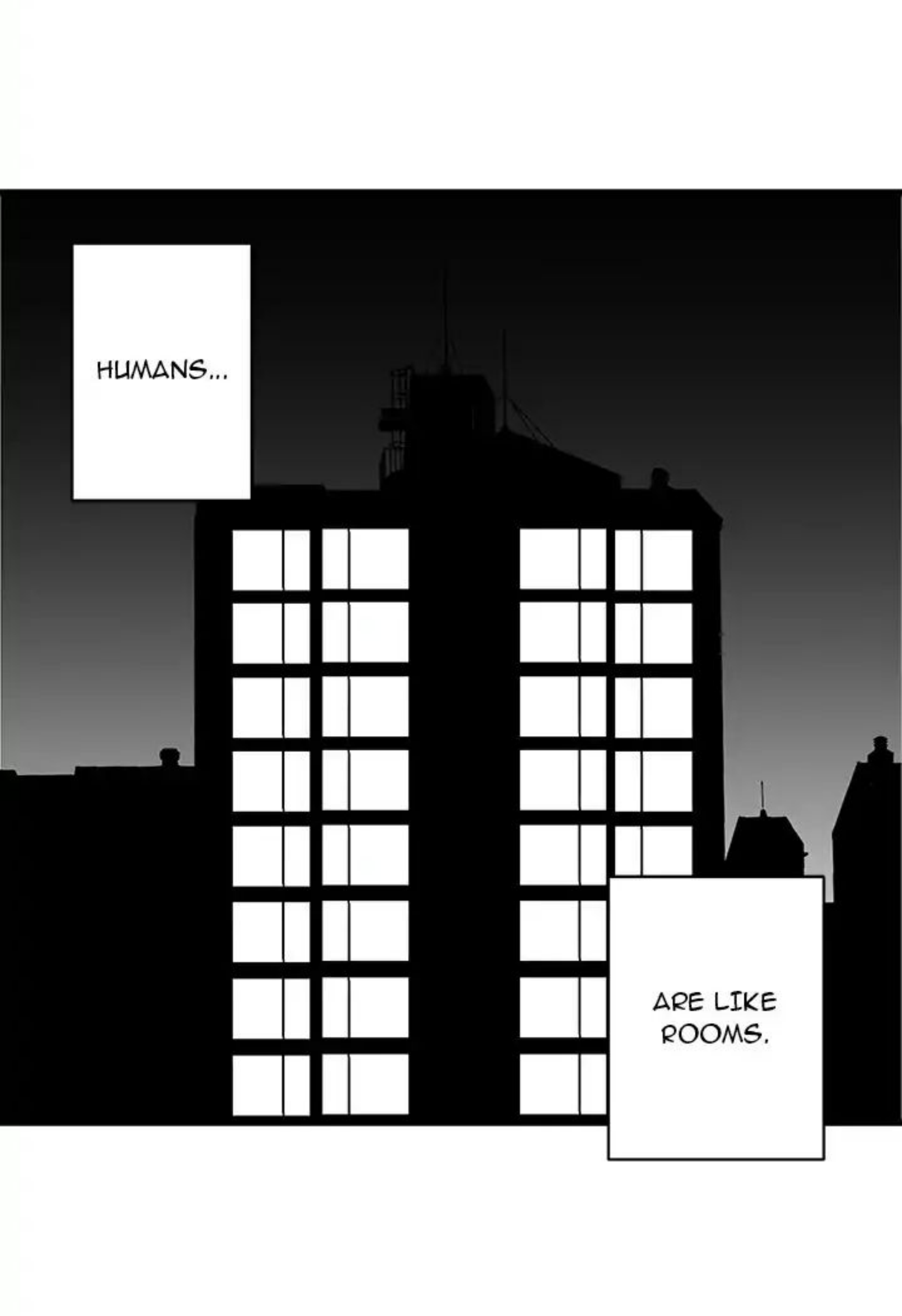
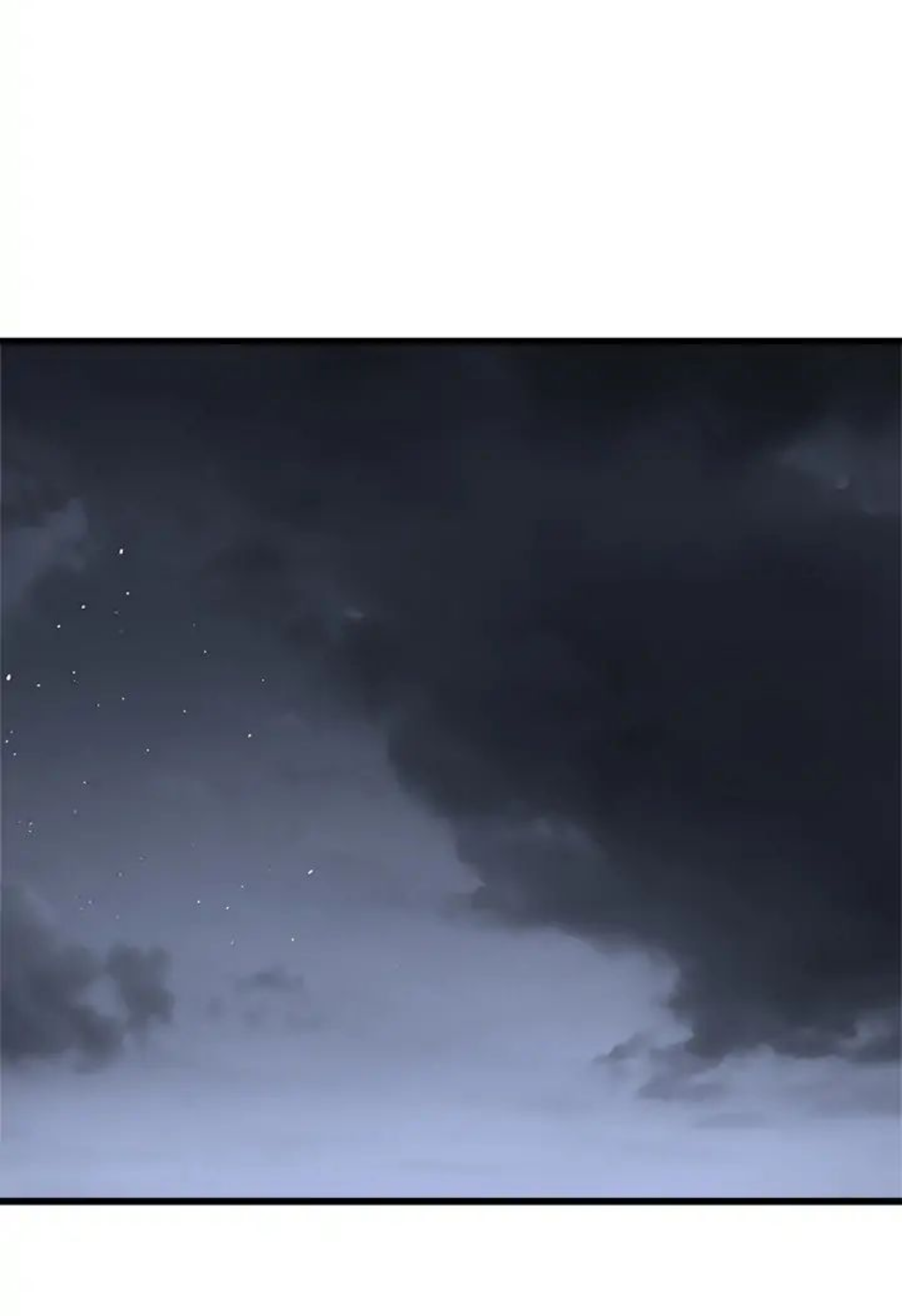
COULD ONE  
OF YOU PLEASE  
JOIN US ON OUR  
MISSION?

SPRING











START, WE  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO...

TO SURVIVE.

HAS TO OPEN  
THEIR DOORS,  
ONE DAY.

ACCEPTING  
OTHERS, AND  
BEING ACCEPTED  
BY OTHERS...

CAUSE OF ALL  
CONFLICT.

SINGLE SIZE  
BLANKET.

OF OASIS SANG  
ABOUT THIS  
SITUATION.

"SO I START A REVOLUTION FROM MY BED"

**SHIING**







WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION?



HAA...

HAA...

WHY...

ARE YOU...



GRAB

ERK!



NOW...

I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.

WHY ARE YOU GOING TO THE NORTH?





HER SUMMON